

1-30 P.M.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA—May I know if Government would appoint district and taluka committees wherein the D.C. or the Tahsildar or Assistant Commissioner would preside over the meetings and call the meetings of this committee very frequently at least once a month and take their advice?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—This is a very good suggestion. Such a body was working well in the Bombay area. Government will consider appointing such a committee at the district and the taluka levels.

Allegations against Office-bearers of Kumta Municipality.

*Q.—318. **Smt. V. V. MIRJANKAR** (Kumta).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any allegations against the office-bearers of the Kumta Municipality were received since 1957;

(b) if so, the number of them;

(c) whether they have been inquired into;

(d) the decision taken on each of them?

A.—**Sri T. SUBRAMANYA** (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).—

(a) and (b) Yes. Twelve petitions containing 28 allegations have been received.

(c) Yes, excepting two allegations, which have been received recently.

(d) In regard to 13 allegations relating to certain omissions and commissions on the part of the President, the Deputy Commissioner has been directed to caution the President, to follow scrupulously the provisions of the Bombay District Municipalities Act and Rules made by the Municipality thereunder. On another allegation, relating to the discharge of a Dai, it was found that the action taken by the President was not unlawful. In another case, which related to the grant of extension of one month's time to a contractor, the work was

entrusted to the contractor by the previous Municipal Council and the present Council has granted extension of one month's time. The remaining allegations are being dealt with by the Deputy Commissioner, North Kanara, and the Divisional Commissioner, Belgaum Division.

Smt. V. V. MIRJANKAR.—May I know the nature of these allegations and the date of receipt of these allegations?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is not necessary.

Smt. V. V. MIRJANKAR.—What is the normal procedure for examining the complaints?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—As soon as we receive a complaint we send it to the Divisional Commissioner who in turn will send it to the Deputy Commissioner for enquiry and report. After enquiry he sends his report and Government will take action on it.

Smt. V. V. MIRJANKAR.—Is the Government aware that the Enquiry Officer has not examined the complaints properly?

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Allegations were made against certain office-bearers of the municipality. All of them put together, they number about 28. All of them have been enquired into. In certain cases we have not yet received the report.

Sanction of 5 H. P. Irrigation Pump Sets in Bhalki Taluk.

*Q.—329. **Sri J. MADHAVA RAO** (Hulsur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it is a fact that they have not sanctioned a single 5 H. P. Irrigation Pump Set for wells to any applicant in Bhalki Taluk since the Re-organisation of States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

A.—**Sri N. RACHAIAH** (Minister for Agriculture, Excise and Social Welfare).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (a).